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# H. R. 1761

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 21, 1993

Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. SLATTERY, Mr. LANCASTER, and Mr. BEREUTER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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1        *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2        *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*



1 SECTION 1. EXTENSION OF SPECIAL TREATMENT RULES  
2 UNDER MEDICARE FOR REGIONAL REFER-  
3 RAL CENTERS.

4 (a) EXTENSION THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 1994.—Sec-  
5 tion 6003(d) of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act  
6 of 1989 (42 U.S.C. 1395ww note) is amended by striking  
7 “October 1, 1992” and inserting “October 1, 1994”.

8 (b) PERMITTING HOSPITALS TO DECLINE RECLASSI-  
9 FICATION.—If any hospital fails to qualify as a rural refer-  
10 ral center under section 1886(d)(5)(C) of the Social Secu-  
11 rity Act as a result of a decision by the Medicare Geo-  
12 graphic Classification Review Board under section  
13 1886(d)(10) of such Act to reclassify the hospital as being  
14 located in an urban area for fiscal year 1994, the Sec-  
15 retary of Health and Human Services shall—

16 (1) notify such hospital of such failure to qual-  
17 ify,

18 (2) provide an opportunity for such hospital to  
19 decline such reclassification, and

20 (3) if the hospital declines such reclassification,  
21 administer the Social Security Act (other than sec-  
22 tion 1886(d)(8)(D)) for fiscal year 1994 as if the  
23 decision by the Review Board had not occurred.